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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento - Suspect in Sacramento Shootout That Killed 6 Arrested in Las Vegas

(U) Authorities advise a man wanted for murder in a shootout that left six people dead, and a dozen injured in Sacramento was taken into custody in Las Vegas. Officers with a multi-jurisdictional task force arrested the suspect at a residence. Authorities advise the warrant for the suspect was issued with multiple counts of murder. The suspect was booked into Clark County Detention Center on the out-of-state warrant and will eventually be extradited to California to face the charges.

SOURCE: 29 May 2022, NBC3 News

(U) Sacramento – Guilty Plea in Plot to Firebomb California Democratic Headquarters

(U) A California man pleaded guilty to plotting to blow up the state Democratic Part's headquarters in what prosecutors advised was the first in a planned series of politically motivated attacks after the defeat of former President Donald Trump. The suspect pled to multiple charges including conspiracy to destroy a building by fire or explosives, possessing explosive device, and possessing a machine gun. The plea agreement could bring him seven-to-nine years in federal prison. The suspect, along with another individual who previously pled guilty to similar charges, "hoped their attacks would prompt a movement." Authorities seized nearly 50 firearms, thousands-of-rounds of ammunition and five pipe bombs during the arrest of the suspects.

SOURCE: 28 May 2022, KREX News

(U) Vacaville – Fiesta Days Event in Vacaville Shut Down After One Hurt in Shooting

(U) Officials at the Vacaville Fiesta Days event shut down activities after an individual was hurt in a shooting. Authorities advised that officers heard shots near the live music stage and beer garden, and discovered a man with a gunshot wound. The man was taken to a nearby hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. A suspect was arrested on violation of probation, assault with a deadly weapon, and attempted homicide charges. Investigators believe some type of altercation led to the shooting. The stage and beer garden were shut down after the incident, but the rest of the festival remained open. SOURCE: 30 May 2022, KCRA News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Anonymous Tip Leads to \$14.7 Million Dollar Drug Seizure

(U) Baja California – Authorities in Baja California seized a shipment of narcotics valued at more than \$14 million dollars after an anonymous caller alerted law enforcement to the shipment's location. The drugs were discovered in the back of a truck with the shipment containing fentanyl, heroin, and methamphetamine. Heavily armed men were observed by residents in the area loading and unloading merchandise from the vehicle. The suspects managed to escape before authorities arrived. SOURCE: 28 May 2022, Riviera Maya News

(U) Texas - CBP Officers Seize \$1.5 Million in Mixed Narcotics at International Bridge

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) authorities seized cocaine in two separate enforcement actions that totaled over \$1.5 million dollars in street value. The first seizure occurred at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo where a tractor trailer was referred to a secondary inspection, resulting in the discovery of 32 packages containing 119.5-pounds of alleged cocaine within the tires of the trailer. The second seizure occurred at the same checkpoint where authorities discovered 32 packages containing 80.33-pounds of alleged cocaine also in the tires of the vehicle. CBP seized the narcotics and the vehicles while the federal investigators took over the investigation. SOURCE: 27 May 2022, US CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Nevada - State Police Seize Millions Worth of Narcotics in Multi-Agency Operation

(U) Las Vegas – Authorities announced a major week-long drug bust after confiscating millions-of-dollars' worth of narcotics in a multi-agency operation. Nevada State Police, alongside federal and municipal agencies, conducted the criminal interdiction operation within the Moapa River Indian Reservations. The interdiction resulted in 2,100-pounds of narcotics worth an estimated \$11.7 million, which includes the largest illegal marijuana seizure in Nevada State Police history. The operation also helped to identify drug, human, and sex trafficking activities that occur daily along the Interstate 15 through the Moapa River Indian Reservation. Multiple suspects were arrested in the operation. SOURCE: 27 May 2022, NBC 3 News

(U) Oklahoma - One Dead, Seven Injured in Shooting at Memorial Day Festival

(U) Taft – A suspect is in custody after one person was killed and seven people were injured in a shooting at an outdoor festival eastern Oklahoma, where witnesses described frantic people running for cover and gunfire. After a warrant was issued, the accused suspect turned himself in to the Muskogee County Sheriff's office on Sunday. Witnesses advised an argument preceded the gunfire just after midnight. About 1,500 people attended the event in Taft. Members of the Sheriff's Office were in attendance and immediately began rendering aid. The injuries of those wounded were considered non-life threatening.

SOURCE: 29 May 2022, Fox 10 Phoenix

(U) Tennessee - Six Teens Shot in Downtown Chattanooga, Two in Critical Condition

(U) Chattanooga – Six teenagers were shot in downtown Chattanooga on Saturday leaving two in "very, very" critical condition, according to authorities. Officers in the downtown area were monitoring several large groups of unchaperoned teens when the gunshots erupted. Officers saw multiple people shooting and crowds of people running away from the scene. Officers began providing aid to those who had been shot. Four of the victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries, but two are critical. Investigators believe there was an altercation between two groups, and not all the people shot were intended targets. Police detained a person of interest at the scene, but they were later ruled out as a suspect. An investigation is underway.

SOURCE: 29 May 2022, Fox 5 Atlanta

(U) Washington - Nearly 1,500-Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized

(U) Bellingham – Marine interdiction agents with CBP seized nearly 1,500-pounds of methamphetamine from a boat near Bellingham and southwest of Stuart Island. CBP agents found 28 duffel bags containing cellophane-wrapped packages while inspecting a boat that was leaving US waters. Test of the packages'

contents confirmed that they contained methamphetamine. The suspect, a Canadian citizen, was piloting the boat and was arrested. Authorities seized the vessel and a Glock handgun was recovered. Authorities are charging the suspect with possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. He faces a mandatory prison sentence of 10-years due to the amount of drugs seized.

SOURCE: 27 May 2022, KIRO News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia – Authorities Kill Fugitive Drug Kingpin

(U) Bogota – Colombian authorities killed a fugitive member of the country's Gulf Clan drug cartel who was wanted by the United States. The suspect was a former Gulf Clan boss and one of the Colombia's most wanted criminals. He escaped prison in March pending a decision on his extradition to the United States. The Gulf Clan, Colombia's biggest drug cartel, launched a revenge campaign this month, closing schools and bringing transport to a standstill in the country's north after another boss was extradited to the US to face drug trafficking charges. Colombia is experiencing a wave of increased violence despite a 2016 peace agreement that disarmed the FARC guerilla group after nearly six decades of internal conflict. Many of the areas abandoned by the guerilla group are now battle grounds for drug cartels. The rise in insecurity is a key issue ahead of a first round of presidential elections on Sunday.

SOURCE: 27 May 2022, France 24

(U) Democratic Republic of Congo – At Least 27 Civilians Killed in Massacre

(U) Beni – Authorities advise at least 27 civilians were killed in the Beni region by members of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF) in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Described by the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) as its local affiliate, the rebel ADF have been accused of killing thousands of civilians in DRC's troubled east. Following the attack, soldiers in the DRC military pursued the attackers and neutralized seven ADF members and captured another. The massacre comes after almost a month of relative calm in Beni where the Congolese and Ugandan armies have been conducting joint military against the ADF since late November 2021.

SOURCE: 29 May 2022, The Citizen

(U) Egypt – Military Kills Ten Suspected ISIS Militants in Sinai Peninsula

(U) Sinai Peninsula – Egypt's military killed 10 suspected ISIS militants during a raid on a hideout in the norther part of the Sinai Peninsula. Hand grenades, explosive belts, TNT explosives, rocket launchers, ammunition, and radio equipment were among the items found at the hideout, which was located by military intelligence operatives. One of the men nearly escaped with an injury but was arrested before he could flee. Egypt's armed forces have recently ramped up anti-terror operations in the politically volatile province of North Sinai. The military reported three militant attacks in the Sinai Peninsula in the past month with multiple soldiers killed and injured.

SOURCE: 30 May 2022, The National News

(U) Nigeria – ISWAP Commander Surrenders to Military Forces

(U) Borno State – A top commander of the Islamic State of the West Africa Province (ISWAP) surrendered to Multi-National Joint Task Force troops following sustained joint operations near Lake Chad. Authorities advise the commander was allegedly in charge of supervising activities of insurgents, as well as controlling logistics supplies, tax, and levies being paid by fisherman and farmers in the Lake Chad area. The suspect is undergoing questioning while in military custody.

SOURCE: 28 May 2022, Nigerian Daily Post

(U) Thailand – More Than One Billion Methamphetamine Tablets Seized in Southeast Asia in 2021 (U) Bangkok – Authorities with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime published a new report that the synthetic drug trade continues to expand in East and Southeast Asia, with production and trafficking hitting record levels in 2021. A record amount of methamphetamine, nearly 170-tons, was seized in East and Southeast Asia in 2021, with more than one billion methamphetamine tablets recorded for the first time. The total is seven-times higher than it was ten years ago, when just more than 143 million tablets were seized. Although methamphetamine is the primary concern of authorities across the region, other synthetic drugs which can pose significant harm to drug users are also widely available, notably ketamine.

SOURCE: 30 May 2022, Sacramento Bee

(U) Turkey – New ISIS Leader Reportedly Caught in Turkey

(U) Istanbul – Turkish authorities have reported the capture of ISIS's most recent leader, Abu Hasan al-Hashemi al-Qurashi, after a raid of his hideout in Istanbul. The jihadist leader is being questioned by Turkish intelligence and police. His arrest came after extensive surveillance by the Turkish authorities and no shots were fired during the raid by counterterrorism police. Al-Qurashi assumed the leadership of the jihadist group after his predecessor was killed in a March US operation in Syria near the Turkish border.

SOURCE: 26 May 2022, Al-Monitor

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